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Dear Dr. Gutiérrez-Solana:

Enclosed is a copy of the Final report of the Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) December 10-19, 2001, audit of Spain's meat inspection system. We received your April 18, 2002, letter providing comments on the Draft Final report of the same audit and made the editorial changes you indicated. In addition, we have incorporated your letter into the Final report as Attachment "G."

We appreciate your thorough review of the FSIS audit findings and the corrective actions taken to ensure that meat products exported to the United States meet U.S. import requirements. If you have any questions regarding the enclosed report or the FSIS audit, please contact me at telephone number (202) 720-3781 or facsimile number (202) 690-4040. You may also reach me by email at sally.stratmoen@fsis.usda.gov.

Sincerely,

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